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Chalk ‘n  
Rock Festival  
comes to  
Bigfork

In Italy, they’re called Madonnari and they date back to the 16th century. Of course, street painting didn’t really take off until the 20th century, when London held its first festival and competition in 1906. And the first international street painting competition didn’t happen until 1972, back in Italy.

This year, the village of Bigfork welcomes street painters and spectators to its inaugural Chalk ‘n Rock Festival, Sept. 20-21. Musicians perform while more than three-dozen street painters transfer their artistry to 40 eight-foot squares on the pavement. The result? More than 40 large works of art will adorn the streets and sidewalks, created by a mix of street artists: some experienced, some notable, some local and some new. Kids may participate as well for just \$5 for two-foot squares.

Musicians accompanying the painting process include Donny and Kleist, The Bad Larrys, Can of Arrows and the Kenny James Miller Band on Saturday, and the Christian Johnson Trio, Donny and Kleist and the Fetveit Brothers on Sunday.

The festival is open to the public from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday to watch paintings in progress, and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday to see the final results.

For information, call 406-837-5888 or go to chalknrock.org.

ARTS CALENDAR, SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Anaconda

September 27  
Octoberfest - 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Copper Village Museum and Arts Center, 406-563-2422

Arlee

September 13  
Festival of Peace - 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Garden of One Thousand Buddhas, 406-726-0555

Ashland

September 1  
Labor Day Powwow - Arbor on U.S. Highway 212, 406-784-2883

Belgrade

September 20  
Belgrade Fall Festival - downtown, 406-388-1616

Bigfork

September 4-6  
Hits of the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s - 7:30 p.m., Bigfork Summer Playhouse, 406-837-4886

September 13-14

Montana Dragon Boat Festival - Averill’s Flathead Lake Lodge, Kalispell Convention and Visitor Bureau and the Flathead Community Foundation, 888-888-2308

September 20-21

Bigfork Chalk ‘n Rock Festival - Electric Avenue, 406-837-5888

September 21

Arts Afield: A Farm to Table Feast - 5-9 p.m., Proctor Studios, 406-755-5268

October 24-26

“The Odd Couple” (female version) - Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts, Bigfork Community Players, 406-837-2008

Billings

September 5

Hoof-It with a Historian - 9:45 a.m., Swords Rimrock Park, Western Heritage Center, 406-256-6809  
Mission Mountain Wood Band - 6-9 p.m., ZooMontana, 406-323-3687  
Movies in the Park: “The Lego Movie” - sunset, Pioneer Park, 406-698-9163

September 5, October 3

Jam at the YAM - 5-8 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804

September 5-7, 11-14, 18-21, 25-27

“Spamalot” - Billings Studio Theatre, 406-248-1141

September 6

Evening Under the Big Sky - 5:30 p.m., Audubon Conservation Education Center, 406-294-5099

September 6, October 4

Venture Improv - 8-10 p.m., NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, 406-591-9535

September 7

Book Signing: Leland Howard - 2 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804

September 9

Reading: Carrie La Seur - 7 p.m., Billings Public Library, 406-657-8258

September 11

Brian Regan - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

September 12-13

Fall Festival of Arts Show and Sale - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Gainan’s Heights Garden Center, Billings Arts Association, 406-656-4579, 406-656-7481

September 12-14, 18-21, 25-27

“Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike” - NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, 406-591-9535

September 12

Wild and Scenic Film Festival - 7 p.m., Babcock Theatre, 406-248-1154

September 13

Survivor - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

September 17

Five Finger Death Punch and Volbeat - 6:10 p.m., MetraPark, 406-256-2422

September 18

Reflections on Place: Tami Haaland - noon, Western Heritage Center, 406-256-6809

September 19

Gov’t Mule - 8 p.m., Babcock Theatre, 406-259-7123

September 20

Billings Symphony: “Up Close and Personal” - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-3610  
Evelyn J. Cameron Benefit Gala - 5:30 p.m., Heritage Center, 406-635-4966  
Zootoberfest - ZooMontana, 406-294-9116

September 21

Bridal Fair - 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804  
The Used and Taking Back Sunday - 7 p.m., Shrine Auditorium, 406-259-4384

September 23

Dropkick Murphys - 7 p.m., Shrine Auditorium, 406-259-4384

October 2

Montana Inspiration Project: Earthshine - 1 p.m., Western Heritage Center, 406-256-6809  
The Wailin’ Jennys - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

October 3

Art Walk - 5-9 p.m., downtown, 406-259-6563

October 3-5, 9-12

“Boy at the Edge of Everything” - NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, Black Box Theater, 406-591-9535

October 3-4, 9-11

“Love/Sick” - 7:30 p.m., Billings Studio Theatre, 406-657-1111

October 4-5

Antique Sale and Flea Market - Boys and Girls Club, 505 Orchard Park Lane, 406-252-3670 or 252-2327

October 4

Art 21 Screenings - 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804  
Celebrate “60” - 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Billings Public Library, 406-656-0794

October 5

Big Sky Polka Club Dance - 1:30-5 p.m., Moose Lodge, 406-855-9806



Bigfork’s Chalk ‘n Rock Festival features artist Lori Escalera.

October 10-12, 16-19, 23-25

“The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” - NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, 406-591-9535

October 11

Billings Symphony: “All That Jazz” - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-252-3610

October 14

Cirque Mechanics: Pedal Punk - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

October 16

Designing Innovators: David North - noon, Western Heritage Center, 406-256-6809  
Frank Caliendo - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052  
“Mega Factories: Lego” - 6:30 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804

October 17-18, 24-25, 30-31

Twilight Tours - 6-9 p.m., Moss Mansion, 406-256-5100

October 21-22

Blue Man Group - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

October 23

Common Read Lecture: Sherman Alexie - Rocky Mountain College, 406-657-1105  
Glenn Miller Orchestra - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

October 23-25

High Plains Bookfest and Book Awards - various downtown venues, 406-256-0625

October 23

Reading: Sherman Alexie - Rocky Mountain College, 406-657-1105

October 24-25, 30-31

Haunted House - 6:30-10 p.m., Moss Mansion, Billings Preservation Society, 406-256-5100

October 24-26, 30-31

“Looking” - Billings Studio Theatre, 406-248-1141

October 25

High Plains Book Awards Banquet - Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-0625

October 26

Auction of Arias - 7:30 p.m., McCormick Cafe, 406-591-9535

October 31

Haunted History Tour - 6:30-7:30 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804

Boulder

September 6-7

Boulder Music and Arts Festival - Veterans Park, 406-461-5690

Box Elder

September 6

Cheech and Chong - 8 p.m., Northern Winz Casino, 406-395-5420

Bozeman

September 3, 12, 16, 29

One Book-One Bozeman programs - Bozeman Public Library, 406-582-2425

September 5

Live From The Divide: Guy Davis - 8 p.m., Peach Street Studios, 406-366-1752

September 7

“As You Like It” - 1 p.m., MSU Grove, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, 406-994-3901

Author Event: Leland Howard - 2-4 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

September 12

Adam Greenberg and the Montana Jazz Collective - 7:30 p.m., Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885  
Art Walk - 6-8 p.m., downtown and The Emerson, 406-586-4008

September 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

“Gruesome Playground Injuries” - 8 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-587-0737

September 15

Author Event: Ivan Doig - 5:30 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

September 15, 29, October 6, 20

Improv on the Verge - 7 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-587-0737

September 16

Author Event: Mary Beth Baptiste - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

September 17

Author Event: Robyn Bridges - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

September 19

“Jung, Art and Wine” - 5-7 p.m., Sacagawea Art Gallery, 406-587-3356

September 20

Beppe Gambetta - 7:30 p.m., Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885

September 20, 27, October 4, 11

“Cinderella! Cinderella!” - 8 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-587-0737

September 26-28, October 3-5, 10-12

“Boeing Boeing” - Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885

September 27

Bozeman Symphony Orchestra: “Discover the Wild” - 7:30 p.m., The Commons at Baxter and Love, 406-585-9774

Opera Run - It Ain’t Over ‘til the Fit Lady Sings - 8 a.m., Lindley Park, Intermountain Opera Bozeman, 406-587-2889

October 1

The Wailin’ Jennys - 7:30 p.m., Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885

October 7

Pete’s Posse - 7:30 p.m., Pilgrim Congregational Church, Bozeman Folklore Society, 406-586-4123

October 8

Author Event: William Wyckoff - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

October 10-12

H.M.S. Pinafore - Emerson Center Crawford Theater, 406-587-2889

October 11

Author Event: Wendelin van Draanen and Mark Huntley Parsons - 3 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

October 17-18, 24-25, 31

“The Terrible Thing From Somewhere Else” - 8 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-587-0737

October 22

Glenn Miller Orchestra - 7:30 p.m., Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885

Reel Rock 9: “Valley Uprising” - 7:30 p.m., Emerson Center Crawford Theater, 443-955-3689

October 24-26

Little Bear School House Museum Antique Show - Gallatin Co. Fairgrounds, Little Bear School House Museum, 406-582-3270

October 25

Bozeman Symphony Orchestra: “A Night in Paris” - 7:30 p.m., The Commons at Baxter and Love, 406-585-9774

“Silly Moose Comedy Improv Show” - 2 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-587-0737

October 30

Spencer Bohren - 7-9 p.m., Emerson Center Crawford Theater, 406-556-1275

Butte

September 3, 10, 17, 24, October 1

Sesquicentennial Lecture Series - noon, Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, Friends of the Archives, 406-782-3280

September 5, October 3

Art Walk - 5-9 p.m., uptown, 406-497-6464

September 5

Outdoor Movies at the Original - 8:30 p.m., Original Mine Yard, Butte Urban Revitalization Agency, 406-497-6264

September 9

Butte Community Concert: Habaneros - 7:30 p.m., Mother Lode Theatre, 406-723-3602



Blues musician Guy Davis performs in Bozeman and Miles City in September.